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MINUTES

OF

THE TENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF

The Medical Society

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD AT

STATESVILLE, N. C., MAY, 1859.

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MINUTES.

STATESVILLE, N. C., Tuesday, May 10th, 1859.

The tenth annual meeting of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina, convened in the Presbyterian Church in this place, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

The President, Dr. WM. H. McKEE, of Raleigh, called the Society to order.

By invitation, the Rev. Mr. Pharr, of the Presbyterian Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

The roll was called; the following officers and members were present, viz:

OFFICERS:

Dr. WM. H. McKEE, President,
" JAMES G. RAMSAY, Vice President,
" PETER E. HINES, " "
" JOHN R. MERCER, " "
" WILL. GEO. THOMAS, Cor. and Rec. Sect'y,
" C. W. GRAHAM, Treasurer,
" J. J. SUMMERELL, Orator.

MEMBERS:

Dr. N. J. Pittman,
" Chas. E. Johnson,
" S. S. Satchwell,
" P. T. Henry,
" Chas. F. Dewey,
" E. Burke Haywood,
" Jas. F. McRee, Jr.,
" A. B. Pierce,
" Henry W. Faison,
" Owen Hadley,
" C. T. Murphy,
" J. S. Leach,
" Otis F. Manson,
" Hugh Kelly,

Dr. Thomas H. Avera,
" E. R. Gibson,
" Geo. H. Coke,
" R. H. Winborne,
" David Cox,
" George W. Hodges,
" J. M. Happoldt,
" Jas. R. Hall,
" George A. Foote,
" A. S. Wiggans,
" Peter Custis,
" A. S. Cotten,
" W. R. Sharpe,
" B. F. Graham,

Dr. M. M. Murray,
" F. M. Henderson,
" A. M. Nesbitt,
" M. Whitehead,
" Robert F. Hackett,
Dr. Alex. Taylor,
" Samuel J. Iredell,
" W. J. Busbee,
" J. C. Marriott.

The following gentlemen were appointed a committee on credentials, viz: Drs. M. Whitehead, R. H. Winborne, Robert F. Hackett.

The committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina:

The committee appointed to examine credentials of delegates from Auxiliary Societies, and the qualifications of gentlemen desiring to become permanent members, beg leave respectfully to report; that the following gentlemen have been duly appointed delegates from their respective County Societies to this body, viz:

Dr. Alexander Taylor, Craven County Medical Society.
" William Cheatham,
" Eugene Grissom,
" Otis F. Manson,
} Granville County Medical Society.

The committee further recommend the election of the following gentlemen as permanent members, viz:

Dr. Samuel Masters,
" Eugene Grissom,
" R. L. Payne,
" William H. Hall,
" R. N. Chambers,
" J. Rhodes Tayloe,
" T. P. Coleman,
" A. A. Lawrence,
" Wyatt M. Brown,
" J. G. Thomas,
" D. A. Tayloe,
" F. M. Rountree,
" Wm. H. H. Conner,
" James Hickerson,
" E. B. Hampton,
" T. W. Johnston,
" A. Torrence,
" J. W. Caldwell,
" R. L. Beall,
Dr. Cyrus A. Alexander,
" L. S. Bingham,
" Richard R. Barr,
" C. Happoldt,
" W. A. Collett,
" Thomas Williams,
" James K. Nesbitt,
" Edmund F. Ashe,
" Jas. W. Hall,
" R. T. Campbell,
" R. B. Riddick,
" Wm. M. Riddick,
" N. A. Locke,
" D. B. Wood,
" O. P. Houston,
" W. M. Campbell,
" Jas. Hay,
" James McGuir.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. WHITEHEAD, *Chairman.*

Statesville, N. C., May 10th, 1859.

Dr. Hugh Kelly offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the annual address, by Dr. J. J. Summerell, of Salisbury, be delivered in this house at 7½ o'clock to-morrow evening, and that the public be respectfully invited to attend.

Resolved, That the sessions of this Society be held between the hours of 9 and 12 o'clock, A. M., and 3 and 6 o'clock, P. M., each day.

Business requiring early attention being called for, Dr. Peter E. Hines, of Raleigh, moved the adoption of the following resolution, offered by him at the last annual meeting:

"*Resolved, That, after the adjournment of this meeting of the Society, there shall not be appointed a committee on nominations,*" which, after some discussion, was adopted.

On motion of Dr. E. B. Haywood, the Society adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, May 11th, 1859.

The Society met pursuant to adjournment; the President, Dr. McKee, in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The following acting Committees were appointed by the Chair, viz:

On Finance: Drs. C. T. Murphy, Peter E. Hines and L. S. Bingham.

On Constitution and By-Laws of Auxiliary Societies: Drs. James G. Ramsay, Wm. J. Busbee, and E. R. Gibson.

On Medical Journal: Drs. P. T. Henry, C. E. Johnson, and J. J. Summerell.

Dr. Pittman offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the President to examine into and report upon all such cases of alledged violation of the Code of Ethics adopted by this Society, that may come to their knowledge; particular reference being given by said Committee to the reprehensible system of undercharging for medical service rendered; and to an improper and unprofessional mode of advertising before the public.

The following gentlemen were appointed said Committee: Drs. S. S. Satchwell, Chas. E. Johnson and N. J. Pittman.

On motion of Dr. R. F. Hackett, the undergraduates present were invited to take seats in the meetings of the Society, and witness its deliberations.

The resolution of amendment to the Constitution offered by Dr. Satchwell at the last annual meeting, respecting qualifications for members in this Society, being called, was, on motion of Dr. Satchwell, laid on the table.

The resolution of amendment to the Constitution, offered by Dr. Hines at the last annual meeting, respecting the election of officers, &c., was, without discussion, adopted.

Dr. Cyrus A. Alexander, of Cabarrus county, offered a prize of fifty dollars for the best essay "*On the use of Tobacco and its injurious effects upon the Human System.*"

Dr. Otis F. Manson, of Granville county, also offered a prize of a gold medal for the best essay "*On any Medical Subject.*"

These offers were made upon the following conditions, viz:

That these essays be submitted to Committees, composed each of three members, appointed by the President, who are to award the prizes before the Society at its next annual meeting; said Committee to give due notice of the same in the North Carolina Medical Journal, and in one or more public prints in the State.

On motion of Dr. H. W. Faison, these offers were accepted, and the following gentlemen appointed said Committees:

"*On the use of Tobacco and its injurious effects upon the Human System:*" Drs. Chas. E. Johnson, Edward Warren and E. B. Haywood.

"*On any Medical Subject:*" Drs. J. J. Summerell, M. Whitehead and J. G. Ramsay.

Dr. James H. Dickson, Chairman of the Committee appointed to memorialize the last Legislature upon the establishment of a Board of Medical Examiners, &c., being absent, Dr. M. Whitehead, one of the Committee, made a verbal report, which, on motion of Dr. Faison, was accepted, and the thanks of the Society unanimously tendered the Committee.

Dr. Whitehead then offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the bill passed by the last Legislature, incorporating the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina and establishing a Board of Medical Examiners, be adopted, and that this Society proceed to the election of seven of its members, who shall constitute said Medical Board.

On motion of Dr. Summerell the election of the Medical Board was postponed until 3 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow.

On motion, the Society adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

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3 o'clock, P. M., May 11th, 1859.

The Society met pursuant to adjournment, the President, Dr. McKee, in the chair.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina:

The Committee on Finance respectfully report, that they have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Society, and find them correct. They ascertain that the income of the Society for the past year was five hundred dollars, and the expenses of the same four hundred and thirty-two dollars and thirty-two cents, including one hundred and eighty-seven dollars paid over to the Editor of the North Carolina Medical Journal. They find two hundred and ninety-six dollars and ten cents remaining in the hands of the Treasurer.

They recommend that an assessment of three dollars be levied on each permanent member and Auxiliary Society, to defray the expenses of the current year.

The Committee regret to say that, notwithstanding the Treasurer has notified all delinquent members of their indebtedness to the Society, many of them have not responded; therefore, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be again instructed to inform all delinquent members, that if their accounts are not paid previous to our next annual meeting, their names will be stricken from the Catalogue of Members.

Resolved further, That the Treasurer be instructed to report all such delinquents to the next annual meeting, and that their names be stricken from the Roll of the Society by the Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

C. T. MURPHY, *Chairman.*

Statesville, N. C., May 11th, 1859.

The Committee on the Medical Journal made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina:

The Committee on the Medical Journal beg leave to report, that they have examined the financial affairs of the Journal—find it free from pecuniary embarrassment, and recommend that the Society extend to it the same aid and protection it so generously granted in 1858.

The Committee further recommend, that every member of the Society become a subscriber to, and an agent for, the Journal.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. T. HENRY, *Chairman.*

Statesville, N. C., May 11th, 1859.

The Chairman of the above Committee presented the following report from the Editor of the Journal, Dr. Edward Warren, which, on being read by the Secretary, was unanimously adopted:

To the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina:

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he has conducted the Journal to the best of his ability, and he hopes with satisfaction to the Society.

He is pleased to state that his subscription list has been constantly increasing, and that he has the most satisfactory evidences of the popularity of the work with the profession generally.

The amount received from the Treasurer, with that paid by subscribers, has been sufficient to defray the expenses of the Journal for the first year of its existence; and if all now in arrears had settled their accounts, the Editor would have realized a handsome compensation from his office. He still hopes to collect a portion of the sum due the Journal, and shall apply it according to the understanding at the last meeting.

If the Society desires a continuation of the enterprise, he would respectfully suggest the propriety of extending the same aid to the Journal as has been previously done, and of

assuming, as heretofore, the responsibility of its publication. With the assistance thus rendered, the Editor promises to make the Medical Journal of North Carolina inferior to none of its cotemporaries, and to render it worthy the patronage of the Profession, both in the State and out of it.

Many difficulties have necessarily presented themselves in the incipiency of this undertaking, but as more convenient arrangements are now being made for the publication of the work, he feels justified in assuring his patrons that, for the future, the Journal will be conducted, published and distributed more systematically and satisfactorily.

To those who have failed to receive their numbers regularly, he promises, that though not responsible for the irregularities of the mails, he will use every exertion to procure the missing issues, and to furnish a complete volume to those who will call upon him.

He regrets his inability to give an account of his stewardship in person; but, as he is constrained to choose between the National Medical Association and the State Society, he has concluded that the interests of the Journal can be best advanced by attending the meeting of the former, and has determined to visit Louisville, well assured that the *good cause* can suffer no injury in the hands of those who will assemble at Statesville, whether he be there to advocate it or not.

For the deficiencies of the Journal the Editor has no apology to offer,—not that he is insensible to them, or esteems them unavoidable, but, because in assuming the management of the work, he simply pledged all the energy and ability at his command to its proper performance, and as this promise has been most faithfully kept, he feels that he has done his duty, and that you will appreciate the fact.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWARD WARREN, M. D.,
Editor of Medical Journal of North Carolina.

Edenton, May, 1859.

Dr. Satchwell offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Society recommend the Editor of the North Carolina Medical Journal to adopt, and in every case enforce, the well approved system of advanced payment for subscriptions to the Journal.

Dr. Manson then offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be, and are hereby

rendered to Dr. Edward Warren, for the able and satisfactory manner in which he has conducted the North Carolina Medical Journal.

Reports from Counties, according to appointment at the last annual meeting, being called for, Drs. A. B. Pierce, of Halifax; W. R. Sharpe, of Davie; John S. Leach, of Johnson; M. Whitehead, of Rowan; R. H. Winborn, of Chowan; David Cox, of Perquimans, and Henry W. Faison, of Duplin, presented reports from their respective Counties, which, on motion, were referred to Committee on Publication.

Dr. Manson, of Granville, signified a wish to read a defense of his article on Malarial Pneumonia, in answer to a review of that article by Dr. W. T. Howard, of Warrenton, which was read before the Society at its last annual meeting.

On motion of Dr. Satchwell, 11 o'clock to-morrow morning was set apart for the purpose of hearing Dr. Manson's defense.

Verbal reports of interesting cases of disease, and useful observations in the Practice of Medicine, were made by Drs. Hines, of Raleigh, and Pittman, of Edgecombe.

Dr. W. H. H. Conner, of Randolph county, entertained the Society with an interesting account of his observations on the action of Quinine, in large doses, in the treatment of Delirium Tremens, which were corroborated by similar observations by Drs. Manson, of Granville, and Hadley, of Richmond.

Dr. Whitehead offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed by the President to examine the Medical Bill passed by the last Legislature, and adopted by this Society, and report to the next annual meeting of this body such amendments as in their opinion may be necessary to said enactment.

The following gentlemen were appointed said Committee: Drs. M. Whitehead, C. E. Johnson, Will. Geo. Thomas, J. H. Dickson, and J. J. Summerell.

Dr. N. J. Pittman announced the death of Drs. Battle, Speller and Faison, and offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted:

WHEREAS: Since our last annual meeting, it has pleased Divine Providence to remove by death three of our worthy

members and co-operators, Drs. Joel D. Battle, of Wayne; William H. Speller, of Bertie, and Elias K. Faison, of Sampson,

Resolved, That whilst we submit with becoming reverence and humility to the decrees of Providence, we can but deplore the great loss to this Society, and the respective families and communities of the deceased.

Resolved, That we tender to the families of the deceased our heartfelt sympathies in their sad bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and resolutions be forwarded by the Secretary to the respective families of the deceased, and that they be embodied in the minutes of this meeting of the Society.

Dr. James F. McRee, Jr., announced the death of Dr. A. J. DeRosset, Sr., of Wilmington, an honorary member of this Society, and presented the following biographical sketch and resolutions, which were adopted:

Doctor Armand John DeRosset, an honorary member of this Society, died in Wilmington, on the 1st day of April, 1859, in the ninety-second year of his age.

His very advanced age, his high professional attainment, his extensive and successful practice, and his devotion to the Medical Profession as student and practitioner, for a period of more than seventy years, entitle him to a biographical notice among the proceedings of our Society.

His paternal ancestors were from Narbonne, France, in the neighborhood of Montpelier, and were of so-called noble blood. "I mention this," says the Doctor himself, in a paper which he addressed to his children at the advanced age of eighty years, "not as entitling us to any consideration or respect, other than such as our conduct and character as men and christians, endeavoring conscientiously to perform our duty to God and our fellow-men may justly claim." They were Protestants. They were forced to emigrate because of their religious opinions, and the family titles and estates were forfeited because of their emigration. Thus they were compelled to bear their full share of the burdens which were imposed upon the early Protestants, and they were sustained in their losses and governed in their conduct by those high principles which, at a subsequent period, led to the independence of the American colonies, and the formation of the American government. About the period of our revolution the restoration of the family estate and titles was tendered to an uncle of the Doctor's, upon the condition that he would return to

the bosom of the Romish Church, but the offer was unhesitatingly rejected.

His great-grandfather, Louis, was a military officer, holding his commission from the British government. This is accounted for from the fact that he was a Huguenot, and from the further fact that the English nation claimed the sovereignty of several provinces of France. He held also the Honorary title of "Doctor of Laws," as well as "Doctor of Medicine."

His grandfather, Armand, graduated in 1720, in Bazle, Switzerland, and was compelled to emigrate by religious persecution.

His father, Moses John, was born in London, soon after the emigation, and the whole family subsequently came to this country. Here his father married "Amy Ivey," whose sister was married to General Moore of revolutionary memory.

The Doctor was born in New Hanover county, on the 17th day of November, 1767. He was a graduate of Princeton College, studied medicine under the celebrated Dr. Rush, and received his medical diploma from the College at Philadelphia. At his graduation he received the highest mark of distinction, which was then conferred by the College. His Thesis was written in Latin and published by the Faculty.

He married a grand niece of David Hume the historian, and settled in Wilmington for the practice of his profession. His grandfather, his father, himself and his two sons have all been practitioners of medicine in that place. In 1847 the Doctor wrote of himself: "I have been practising medicine fifty-eight years, and have prescribed for six generations in one family." At that period he was eighty years of age.—His last professional service, however, was rendered at the age of ninety-one, in the capacity of accoucheur to a lady. He must have practiced medicine, therefore, for a period of sixty-nine years. Such another instance can scarcely be found in our country.

This brief statement bears ample testimony to the estimation in which he was held as a physican. For sixty-nine years he retained the practice which he had acquired in early life.—His character was formed amid the stirring events of the revolution. He was possessed of great energy, a sound judgment, and strong sense. His distinguished scientific attainments, therefore, were applied to the practical duties of his profession in a manner which always commanded a very extensive practice, and this extensive practice was lucrative, and generally successful.

As a man he was remarkable for his strict integrity. His

principles were those taught and practiced by his ancestors. His manners were those of the old school, which we lament to say, are passing away. He was generous, charitable, hospitable, kind and gentle, yet always firm. He was, in every respect, a model of the christian and gentleman.

In conclusion, Mr. President, I move the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the exalted character of the deceased in all the relation of life—in his long and ardent attachment to the profession of medicine, he has left us, individually, a bright example for our imitation; and this Society, as one of its oldest and most esteemed Honorary Members, a memory venerable for its years, and full of honor.

Resolved, That we offer his surviving family our most sincere sympathy and condolence.

Resolved, That this biographical sketch, and these resolutions be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting of the Society; and that the Secretary be requested to transmit a copy of the same to the family of the deceased.

On motion, the Society proceeded to the election of a President by ballot.

Dr. Summerell nominated Dr. S. S. Satchwell, and alluded to his long and ardent attachment to the Society, and his zeal in aiding every movement calculated to advance its interests, which were warmly received by the members.

Dr. Satchwell expressed his grateful thanks for the feeling manifested, but deemed it his duty for reasons satisfactory to himself, to decline the nomination; and nominated Dr. N. J. Pittman, of Edgecombe.

Dr. Hadley nominated Dr. Manson, of Granville.

Dr. Pittman was duly elected President.

On motion, the further election of officers was postponed for the present.

7½ o'clock, P. M., May, 11th, 1859.

The Society met pursuant to adjournment, in the Presbyterian Church.

The President, Dr. McKee, called the Society to order, and introduced the orator, Dr. J. J. Summerell, of Salisbury, who delivered to an appreciating audience an able and highly

entertaining Address upon "*Some of the qualifications which should characterize members of the Medical Profession.*"

The address was replete with sound sense and wholesome views of the subject, and eloquently maintained the position that a holy life and christain character should be to the medical gentleman, next in importance to a thorough knowledge of the science and art of Medicine.

Upon the conclusion of the Address, Dr. Peter Custis, of New Berne, offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society are hereby presented to Dr. J. J. Summerell, for the interesting and able Address which has just been delivered by him, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same for publication in the North Carolina Medical Journal.

On motion of Dr. Hadley, the Society adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., May 12th, 1859.

The Society met pursuant to adjournment, Dr. McKee in the chair.

On motion of Dr. Whitehead, the Society proceeded to the election of the remaining officers, (the President having been previously elected;) also the members of the Medical Board of Examiners. The following is the result of the election, which was had by ballot:

PRESIDENT:

Dr. N. J. PITTMAN, Tarboro'.

VICE PRESIDENTS:

Dr. P. T. HENRY, Bertie Co.,
" R. H. WINBORNE, Chowan Co.,
" M. WHITEHEAD, Salisbury,
" T. S. LEACH, Johnston Co.

CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY:

Dr. WILL. GEO. THOMAS, Wilmington.

TREASURER:

Dr. C. W. GRAHAM, Kenansville.

ORATOR:

Dr. WM. T. HOWARD, Warrenton.

MEDICAL BOARD OF EXAMINERS:

Dr. James H. Dickson, Wilmington,
" Charles E. Johnson, Raleigh,
" Caleb Winslow, Hertford,
" Otis F. Manson, Townesville,
" Wm. H. McKee, Raleigh,
" C. Happoldt, Morganton,
" J. Graham Tull, New Berne.

The hour appropriated to Dr. Manson having arrived, he read a synopsis of his replication to Dr. Howard's review of his essay on Malarial Pneumonia, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee of Publication; whereupon Dr. Whitehead offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Editor of the North Carolina Medical Journal be respectfully requested to re-publish Dr. Otis F. Manson's report on Malarial Pneumonia, which appeared in the "Transactions" of this Society for 1857, in order that new members of the Society, and the professional public, may have a fair opportunity of becoming acquainted with the merits of the discussion between Drs. Manson and Howard, now in process of publication in the Journal.

Dr. Satchwell, Chairman of Committee on Medical Ethics, presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina:

The Committee on Medical Ethics, appointed more especially to report upon that species of quackery denominated "undercharging," and upon that sort of empiricism referred to in Sec. III, Art. 1st, of the Code of Ethics, repectfully report as follows:

We regret to state to the Society that evidence of a satisfactory character has come to our knowledge of a public offence, grossly reprehensible, injurious to the Society, and inconsistent with professional rights and obligations on the part of one of our members, Dr. Warburton Hill, of Goldsboro.' It seems from the testimony before us, that he has issued, or caused to be issued, to the public, a large placard or medical handbill, a copy of which is in our possession, from which we make the following extract;

"I expect to get one of the best assortments of medicines and surgical instruments, that has ever been offered in this State. ☞ I have also an electrical machine, (not a little Galvanic Battery,) but a new machine, that has never been used in the State (except by Dr. Thomas Hill and myself, in

Duplin,) which I keep at my house, where I am prepared to take all persons afflicted with nervous or chronic diseases of any kind. I will treat such persons medically, and board them at my house, (formerly occupied by Sheriff Coor,) at the lowest rates."

This conduct is sufficient in the opinion of your Committee to justify the expulsion of Dr. Warburton Hill from this Society. And we recommend that the Secretary notify him to appear at the next annual meeting of this Society, and show cause why this should not be done.

In relation to under charging, embracing such an unworthy and empirical course of conduct, as may be instanced where physicians in any town, village, or neighborhood refuse to unite with their brother practitioners in adopting, according to their judgment, a reasonable and uniform tariff of charges; or who become so regardless of professional honor as to make it known directly or indirectly, publicly or privately, that he or they will practice *cheaper* than their rival practitioners in the same field. We believe every honorable physician should denounce all such quackery as inconsistent with Chap. 2nd Art. 1st, Sec. 3d of our Code of Ethics. We cannot too strongly recommend this important part of our rules and regulations by the members of our Society, and by all physicians who are really with us in form as well as in spirit, in action as well as in feeling, and who desire and expect to merit and receive the confidence and fellowship of those who adhere to this provision in our Code of Ethics.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. SATCHWELL, *Chairman.*

Statesville, N. C., May 12th, 1859.

On motion of Dr. Kelley, the Society adjourned until 2½ o'clock, P. M.

2½ o'clock, P. M., May 12th, 1859.

The Society met pursuant to adjournment. The President, Dr. Wm. H. McKee, in the Chair.

The reading of the minutes of forming meeting were dispensed with.

Dr. McKee, on retiring from the Chair, took occasion to address the Society, alluding more particularly to its history. He returned his sincere thanks for the uniform courtesy extended to him by the members during his term of office.

Dr. N. J. Pittman, President elect, was conducted to the Chair by Drs. Satchwell and Thomas. In appropriate terms he returned his thanks to the Society for the distinguished honor their partiality had conferred upon him.

The following resolution, offered by Dr. Thomas, was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society are due, and are hereby presented to our late President, Dr. McKee, for the dignified, impartial and satisfactory manner in which he has presided over its deliberations for two years past, and that he be respectfully requested to furnish a copy of the address delivered by him on leaving the Chair, for publication in the minutes of the Society. (See Appendix A.)

The following resolution, offered by Dr. Summerell, was adopted :

Resolved, That the Treasurer is hereby instructed to pay over to the Editor of the North Carolina Medical Journal, should the pecuniary condition of said Journal require it, whatever funds may be in his hands, after paying the more immediate expenses of the Society.

The following resolution, offered by Dr. Winborne, was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society are due, and are hereby tendered to the President and Directors of the different Rail Road Companies for their liberality in passing at half-price, those members of the profession who have attended this meeting ; also to the Session of this Church for their kindness in affording the use of the same to the Society, for holding its meetings ; also to the Committee of Arrangements ; the members of the profession of this place ; and to the citizens for their kind-hearted hospitality extended to us during this annual meeting of the Society.

Dr. Manson offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be presented to Major Turner, Chief Engineer of the Western N. C. R. R., for his marked attention to members of the same, in extending to them a pleasant excursion on said road, and for his kindness in furnishing an extra train to hasten their return to their homes ; also to Mr. John Andrews, and the Iredell Cadets, under his instruction, for their courtesy in escorting the Society to the cars.

The following resolution, offered by Dr. Satchwell, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Society hereby returns its grateful acknowledgments to those members of the last Legislature, who were most active in supporting the Medical Bill passed by that body.

The President, Dr. Pittman, announced the names of the following members as delegates to the next annual meeting of the American Medical Association, to be held at New Haven, Conn., on the 1st Tuesday in June, 1860:

Dr. James H. Dickson, Wilmington, N. C.,
" E. Burke Haywood, Raleigh, N. C.,
" Jas. F. McRee, Jr., Wilmington, N. C.,
" A. B. Pierce, Halifax Co.,
" Henry W. Faison, Duplin Co.,
" Owen Hadley, Richmond Co.,
" Baker W. Mabry, Tarboro', N. C.,
" J. A. Gibson, Concord, N. C.,
" M. Whitehead, Salisbury,
" James G. Ramsay, Rowan Co.,
" R. H. Winborne, Chowan Co.,
" A. S. Cotten, Wilson,
" P. T. Henry, Windsor.

"In compliance with an article published in the May No. of the Medical News and Library, the President deems it his duty to appoint a Committee of three to represent the Society in the next Convention for revising the Pharmacopœia of the United States, and appoints the following gentlemen to compose said Committee, viz:

"Dr. W. G. Thomas, Wilmington, N. C.,
" Peter E. Hines, Raleigh, N. C.,
" Edward Warren, Edenton, N. C."

The following resolution, offered by Dr. Hines, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to have blank certificates of attendance upon the meetings of this Society printed, and that the expenses thereof be paid out of the funds in the Treasury.

On motion of Dr. McKee, the Secretary was instructed to publish five hundred copies of the minutes of this meeting, together with the Constitution and By-Laws as amended.—(See Appendix B.)

Invitations to the Society were extended by Dr. Tayloe, of Washington; Dr. Dewey, of Goldsboro'; Dr. Hall, of Greensboro', and Dr. McRee, Jr., of Wilmington, to hold its next annual meeting in their respective places of residence.

By a rising vote the invitation from Washington was accepted.

The following gentlemen were appointed Committee of Arrangements, viz:

Drs. Hodges and Murray, Hyde Co.,
Dr. Alexander Taylor, New Berne,
" Wyatt M. Brown, Pitt Co.,
" B. F. Fessenden, Plymouth,
" D. A. Tayloe, Washington,
" A. S. Wiggans, Halifax Co.

On motion of Dr. D. A. Tayloe, the Society adjourned to meet in the town of Washington, Beaufort County, at 4 o'clock, P. M., on the fourth Wednesday in April, 1860.

N. J. PITTMAN, M. D., *President.*

WILL. GEO. THOMAS, M. D., *Secretary.*

[APPENDIX A.]

ADDRESS OF WM. H. McKEE, M. D.

Gentlemen of the Medical Society
of the State of North Carolina:

In retiring from the position which you were pleased to assign me two years since, I take the opportunity to address to you a few words. At the termination of this the first decade of our Society, I congratulate you upon the prosperous and elevated stand which it occupies in the public confidence; and believing that a retrospect of the past may not be uninteresting to some of the junior members, I have embodied a review of its history up to the present time, and shall ask your indulgence while I communicate it.

On the 27th of January, 1849, Doctors James E. Williamson, of Caswell; Charles E. Johnson, William G. Hill, and William H. McKee, of Wake; and Doctors W. B. Lane, of of Randolph; J. S. Erwin, of McDowell; and W. M. Taylor, of Nash; the three last named being members in attendance upon the Legislature, met in the Clerk's room of the Senate Chamber, at 8 o'clock, P. M., and organized the meeting by appointing Dr. W. B. Lane, Chairman, and Dr. J. S. Erwin, Secretary. Dr. Williamson explained the object of the meeting, and after a full discussion of the subject, it was unanimously resolved that a call should be made upon the profession of the State to meet in Convention, in the city of Raleigh, on the third Monday in April, to form a State Medical Society. The proceedings of the meeting were published in the city newspapers at that time, and a call was made upon the members of the medical profession in the State to meet in Convention on the day appointed.

When that day brought to the designated place the delegates to represent the profession, there were but eight counties represented, by sixteen physicians. The smallness of the number influenced some of the warmest advocates for the Society for a while against the assumption of the name of a State Convention; but, finally, a more favorable opinion prevailed, which was, that the Convention should, dictating to no one, proceed to organize a State Medical Society for the advancement and elevation of our profession, trusting that

it would receive the unqualified support of the members of the profession within the State.

The Convention was then organized by electing Dr. Frederick J. Hill, of Brunswick, President, and Dr. William H. McKee, of Wake, Secretary. A Committee of one from each County represented was appointed to report a Constitution and By-Laws. The Committee having performed that duty, and the Constitution and By-Laws, after being read and amended, having been adopted, the Convention adjourned, and the members present resolved themselves into a Medical Society of the State of North Carolina, of which Dr. Edmund Strudwick, of Orange, was elected President; Dr. F. J. Haywood, C. E. Johnson, of Wake; J. E. Williamson, of Caswell, and W. G. Thomas, of Edgecombe, Vice Presidents; Dr. W. H. McKee, of Wake, Secretary; Dr. W. G. Hill, of Wake, Treasurer, and Dr. Thomas N. Cameron, of Cumberland, Orator.

A Committee was appointed to issue an address to the profession, and solicit their co-operation in sustaining the position which the Society had assumed, and to suggest that they should form County Auxiliary Societies, and send up delegates to the next meeting of the State Medical Society. The next two meetings of 1850 and '51 were held in Raleigh, and though with but a small increase of members, were marked with much enthusiasm and good feeling. It was thought best by a majority of the members at the meeting of 1851 that the Society should be migratory, and that by meeting in different parts of the State it would attract more the attention of the public, besides enlisting a larger number of the profession. So the next meeting, 1852, was held in the town of Wilmington, where a large accession was made to the ranks, fulfilling the anticipations of the advocates for an annual change of location. At that meeting another Committee was appointed to address a circular to the members of the profession, again appealing to them to come up to the aid of the Society. The committee performed that duty and put forth a strong appeal.

The meeting of 1853 was held in the town of Fayetteville. Here the Society made but few acquisitions, and the hopes of some of its earliest friends began to waver; but not so with some others. In 1854 the meeting in Raleigh was more fully attended, and a brighter and better spirit prevailed. It was then decided that the meeting of 1855 should be held in the West, and Salisbury was selected as the point. Here the Society was welcomed by the profession, and a handsome number added to the list of its members. The meeting for 1856

was again held in Raleigh, and attended by a number of its earliest members as well as many new ones, with evident better feeling and more united action for the future prosperity of the Society. Eastward it had now started, and the meeting of 1857 was held in the town of Edenton, situated on the beautiful waters of the Albemarle. Here the Society was received with a welcome worthy of its success. The profession, numbering more than at any former meeting, here laid the foundation on which to establish the present Medical Journal, as well as to satisfy the opponents of the Society of its ultimate success in engrafting itself upon the State as one of its institutions.—The result of this meeting infused more energy into the ranks of the profession, and at the meeting of 1858, held at New Berne, the number matriculated, exceeded that of any preceding meeting. The hospitable reception of the Society at that beautiful town is too fresh in the minds of most of us for me to say more concerning it. Here the publication of a Medical Journal was fully decided on, and the means raised and pledged to secure and sustain it. It now bids fair to take its stand, at an early day, by the side of some of the oldest and best Journals of the country. We now find the Society meeting again in the West, at the very foot of the mountains, in this beautiful town, Statesville; welcomed by true Western hospitality, with our ranks still filling up. May it be the lot of all of us, at the expiration of the next ten years, to witness the same ratio of prosperity attending our labors as has been the case for the past decade.

The question has often been asked by many of the profession as well as the public, What were the real objects of the Society? and what good did they expect to do by holding these annual meetings? The second Article in the Constitution says that the objects of the Society are "the advancement of medical knowledge, the elevation of professional character, and the promotion of all measures of a professional nature that are adapted to the relief of suffering humanity, and to improve the health and protect the lives of the community."

How far we have fulfilled these objects, it is but right and proper that we should give some evidence. We started upon our own responsibility, and assumed the name of a State Medical Society. In this name we have been legally recognized by legislative authority. As to the advancement of medical knowledge, we have caused men to write and publish their observations who would have never thought of putting pen to paper, and have now a Medical Journal and Medical Literature of our own, showing that medical knowledge and professional character have certainly been elevated; and as to the

protection of the lives and health of the community, it is but the daily labor of the physician to discharge that duty. He is at war with the epidemic and endemic diseases of his neighborhood, to the frequent neglect of his own immediate affairs; serving the public professionally, and too often medico-legally without compensation and without thanks.—The Society has certainly made some progress in fulfilling the mission which it was intended to accomplish, and in doing so has afforded the opportunity for the interchange of professional courtesies between its members, enabling many to become favorably known to each other, who would perhaps never have heard even of each other's names, had it not been for the opportunity so afforded by the meetings of our Association.

It is too often the case when prosperity is present that we forget past troubles and cease to labor. Let us learn wisdom from past experience and the history of many societies which have prospered for a time in our country, but are now extinct. The Medical Society of North Carolina is made up of a class of educated gentlemen, each exerting an influence different from all others in his immediate section of country. To contend with disease as we meet with it is not all we have to do. The vast field of Botany, with its numerous medicinal plants is too much overlooked by the practitioner. Wherever any disease of a local character prevails, the remedy or antidote may be found, if only properly sought for. In the Eastern section of the State a deranged condition of the liver and spleen appears to be incident to the paludal districts, while in the West acute inflammatory diseases, attacking the joints and lungs predominate, with goitre and cretinism in the mountains. Be not content with what others have said or written, but investigate and contribute your share to the general fund of useful information.

When members have received the honors of the Societies to which they belong, they too often retire to the walks of private life, and cease to exert themselves for the advancement of the institutions which have elevated them. This should not be. Their presence gives dignity and confidence to the younger members, and stimulates them to push forward the work. It is but the duty of the older members of the profession to extend the fostering care of parental affection to the junior members, and make them feel that they can consult them at all times frankly and confidentially, thus promoting and cherishing the fraternity of feeling which should ever exist between the members of the Society; it will command the respect of all, and secure the confidence of the public, and promote the welfare of the community.

In conclusion, gentlemen, allow me to urge upon each one of you the necessity of greater personal exertions for the future, if you wish to sustain our present position, and give a higher character to the Society. Since its formation it has not been exempt from cares and misfortunes. An All-wise Providence has taken from our ranks some of our most active members, while it has seriously afflicted others. This was to have been expected. And while we are at war against disease in all its forms, and labor to relieve human ills to the extent of our ability, disease seats itself as often on the physician as any other of its subjects, and he, too, has to pay the debt of nature, as well as the rest of mankind. From those noble spirits who have died in the discharge of their duty to the Society, their Country and their Maker, we may take warning of what is to be the fate of all. Faults, if they had them, let them be buried with the dead; and their virtues let us imitate—for we know that all "excellence gained has been the result of toil; all perfection acquired, the fruit of suffering; and death is at our side through it all, reminding us of the solemn truth, that as the grass falls before the mower's scythe, so man must wither before the touch of time, and fall before the King of Terrors."

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

As adopted May 17th, 1849, and as amended at its First Annual Meeting, in April, 1850, its Fourth Annual Meeting, in May, 1853, and at its Tenth Annual Meeting, May, 1859.

ARTICLE I.—*Title of the Society.*

The name and title of the Society shall be "The Medical Society of the State of North Carolina."

ARTICLE II.—*The Objects of the Society.*

The objects of this Society shall be the advancement of Medical knowledge, the elevation of professional character, and the promotion of all measures of a professional nature that are adapted to the relief of suffering humanity, and to improve the health and protect the lives of the community.

ARTICLE III.—*Members of the Society.*

SEC. 1. This Society shall consist of Permanent Members, Delegates, Associates, and Honorary Members.

SEC. 2. The Permanent Members shall consist of such regular Physicians as shall be admitted on motion of a Member: *Provided*, he receives two-thirds of the votes present; and the Member thus admitted shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Society. He must first sign the Constitntion and By-Laws, and pay the assessment.

SEC. 3. The Delegates shall receive their appointment from the County Societies, and from the Counties that have no Society, a delegate may be appointed by the Profession of the County: *Provided*, they have as many as two regular Practitioners within the County.

SEC. 4. Every Delegate, before admission to a seat in the Society, shall produce a certificate of delegation, signed by the President or Secretary of the County Society or Association, and shall sign the Constitution and pay the assessment.

SEC. 5. Each Delegate shall hold his appointment for one year, or until another is appointed to succeed him.

SEC. 6. Every member of a County Society shall be an Associate Member of the State Medical Society.

SEC. 7. An Associate Member shall be entitled to all the privileges of attending upon the deliberations of the Society, and take part in its discussions, but shall not be allowed to vote, nor shall he be eligible to office.

ARTICLE IV.—*Of the Officers.*

SEC. 1. The officers of this Society shall be a President, four Vice Presidents, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.

SEC. 2. Each officer shall be elected by ballot, and shall serve for one year, except the Secretary and Treasurer, who may serve for three years, or until others are elected to succeed them.

SEC. 3. None but Permanent Members and Delegates shall be eligible to the office of President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.—*Duties of the Officers.*

SEC. 1. The President shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, and perform such other duties as custom and parliamentary usage may require. He may be eligible for two terms in succession.

SEC. 2. The Vice Presidents, when called upon, shall assist the President in the performance of his duties, and during the absence, and at the request of the President, one of them shall officiate in his place. They shall be eligible for two terms in succession.

SEC. 3. The Corresponding and Recording Secretary shall conduct the correspondence, and perform such other duties as usually appertain to that office; and shall keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Society, and shall fairly transcribe the same, when approved, in a book, to be kept for the purpose. He shall have charge of all papers belonging to the Society, other than those appertaining to the Treasurer; and shall give due notice of the annual meetings; and shall receive such compensation as the Society may from year to year determine.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Society and give receipts for all sums paid into his hands to the individual paying the same, and disburse them as directed, preserving vouchers for the same. He shall annually present a statement of the finances to the Society, which shall be referred to a committee of three delegates to be audited.

ARTICLE VI.—*Of the County Societies.*

SEC. 1. The members of the Profession in any County of this State, who form themselves into a County Society, may become auxiliary to this Society: *Provided*, That all the regular Practitioners in the County have been invited to unite in its organization; *and provided*, that the constitution and laws of such Society do not contravene those of the State Society.

SEC. 2. No one shall be admitted as a member of the County Society, unless he is either a graduate in Medicine of some respectable Medical School, or has been a Practitioner for at least five years; and who, moreover, is in good moral and professional standing in the place where he resides, and is a regular Practitioner.

SEC. 3. Any Physician who shall procure a patent for a remedy, or instrument of surgery, or who shall hereafter give a certificate in favor of a patent remedy, or instrument, shall be deemed disqualified from becoming a member of a County Society.

SEC. 4. As soon as the County Society is organized, the Secretary thereof shall transmit to the Corresponding and Recording Secretary one copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, with the names of their officers and members. The Society shall be authorized to elect one Delegate to the State Society for every five of its members.

SEC. 5. Every County Society shall enforce the observance by its members of the Code of Ethics adopted by the State Society, and they shall be authorized to censure or expel any member convicted of violating its provisions.

Sec. 6. A member of the County Society who is censured or expelled, shall have a right to appeal to the State Society.

Sec. 7. A member who is expelled, shall be debarred from the rights of consultation, or the privileges of Professional intercourse with any member of the State Society.

Sec. 8. The County Societies shall report annually to the State Society a list of their officers and members, any new rules which they may adopt, and such other matters as they may deem interesting.

Sec. 9. The County Society shall hold at least two meetings in each year.

Sec. 10. If any County Medical Society shall neglect to perform all such acts as may be required to be done by the laws of the State Society, or shall be guilty of conduct derogatory to the honor of the Medical profession, or shall oppose or neglect to comply with the laws of the State Society, such County Society shall, during such delinquency, have their privileges, as a portion of the State Society, suspended, and their Delegates shall not be entitled to a seat in the State Society.

ARTICLE VII.—*Meetings of the Society.*

The Society shall hold an Annual Meeting. The time and place of meeting shall be determined, for each succeeding year, by a vote of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII.—*Of the Funds of the Society.*

Sec. 1. Funds for defraying the current expenses of the Society shall be raised by annual assessments on permanent members and County or District Societies, in connection with the State Society.

Sec. 2. Each permanent member, after being duly elected and having signed the Constitution, shall pay the sum of five dollars as an admission fee, and be subject to the annual assessment of the Society, with the exception of the assessment for the year of his admission.

Sec. 3. Should a permanent member fail to pay the assessments two successive years, after having been notified by the Treasurer of his delinquencies, his name shall be stricken from the list of members.

Sec. 4. Each County or District Society shall pay through the hands of its Delegate or Delegates, the annual assessment; and in case such County or District Society is not represented, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to forward an account of said assessment to the Secretary or Treasurer of the County or District Society for collection.

Sec. 5. Should a County or District Society, in connection with this Society, fail to pay the annual assessment two successive years after having been notified by the Treasurer of its delinquencies, its right of representation in this Society shall be suspended until said assessments are paid.

ARTICLE IX.—*Code of Ethics.*

This Society adopts, as a part of its regulations, that part of the Code of Ethics of the American Medical Association, which it has published by its order.

ARTICLE X.—*Provisions for Amendments.*

Every proposal for altering or amending this Constitution shall be made in writing; and if such alteration or amendment receives the unanimous vote of the members present, it shall be adopted; but, if objections be made, the alteration or amendment shall lie over until the next Annual Meeting, when, if it receives the vote of two-thirds of the voters present, it shall be adopted.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—*Of the Order of Business.*

1. The President, or in his absence, the senior Vice-President, shall call the Society to order; or in case of the absence of all these officers, a Chairman shall be appointed *pro tem.*, for the purpose.

2. The appointment of a Committee to examine the Credentials of Delegates.

3. The Report of the above named Committee.

4. Calling the Roll.

5. Resolutions introducing new business.

6. Reading the Minutes.

7. Any business which requires early consideration may, by permission, be introduced.

8. Reports from the County Societies.

9. The Correspondence shall be read by the Corresponding Secretary.

10. Written Communications on Medical subjects may be read and discussed.

11. Oral Communications may be made and discussed.

12. Electing Officers.

13. The selection of a place for the next Meeting of the Society.

14. Unfinished and Miscellaneous business.

ARTICLE II.

The Permanent Members shall pay a fee of five dollars on being admitted as members of this Society.